

LIST OF CLAIMS

Claims 5, 6, 10-20, 25, and 26 were previously canceled.

Claims 1, 21, and 30 are currently amended.

Claims 1-4, 7-9, 21-24, and 27-35 are pending as follows:

1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:

sending a request for a return signal to a plurality of user devices via a wireless network;

receiving respective return signals from one or more of the plurality of user devices, each of the return signals indicating a current status of a respective user device and an operational mode of the respective user device;

tracking a frequency that the respective user device is in a particular location

receiving a survey that is generated at a user device, the survey including an inquiry and selectable responses to the inquiry that are configured to be completed by recipients of the survey, the selectable responses including a set of possible multiple choice answers to the inquiry that are generated at the user device;

receiving, along with the survey from the user device, one or more selected characteristics that are attributable to users that are associated with the plurality of user devices, the one or more characteristics including the frequency of the respective user device in the particular location and being utilized as criteria to identify the recipients of the survey;

1 automatically selecting a group of user devices from the plurality of user devices
2 based on the status and operational mode of the user devices and the users having the one
3 or more selected characteristics and identified as the recipients of the survey, each of the
4 users being associated with a respective user device in the selected group of user devices;

5 forwarding the survey to the selected group of user devices via the wireless
6 network, the survey configured to be completed by a user at a respective user device in
7 the selected group of user devices;

8 receiving survey responses to the inquiry from one or more of the user devices in
9 the selected group of user devices; and

10 forwarding the survey responses to the user device from which the survey was
11 generated and received.

13 **2. (previously presented)** The computer-implemented method as recited in
14 claim 1, wherein the current status is a geographical location of the respective user
15 device.

17 **3. (previously presented)** The computer-implemented method as recited in
18 claim 1, wherein the current status is a distance from the respective user device to the
19 user device that generates the survey.

21 **4. (previously presented)** The computer-implemented method as recited in
22 claim 1, wherein the one or more selected characteristics include at least one of an age,
23 gender, or occupation of the users that are associated with the plurality of user devices.

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2 **5. (canceled)**
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6 **7. (previously presented)** The computer-implemented method as recited in
7 claim 1, wherein the one or more selected characteristics include a home address of the
8 users that are associated with the plurality of user devices.
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10 **8. (previously presented)** The computer-implemented method as recited in
11 claim 1, wherein the recipients of the survey are listed in a buddy list associated with the
12 user device that generates the survey, the method further comprising forwarding the
13 survey to the selected group of user devices that are associated with a respective user that
14 is listed in the buddy list and identified as a recipient of the survey.
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16 **9. (previously presented)** The computer-implemented method as in claim 1,
17 wherein the recipients of the survey are listed in an address book associated with the user
18 device that generates the survey, the method further comprising forwarding the survey to
19 the selected group of user devices that are associated with a respective user that is listed
20 in the address book and identified as a recipient of the survey.
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23 **10-20. (canceled)**
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1 **21. (currently amended)** One or more computer-readable storage media
2 comprising instructions that are executable and, responsive to executing the instructions,
3 a server device is implemented to:

4 send a request for a return signal to a plurality of user devices via a wireless
5 network;

6 receive respective return signals from one or more of the plurality of user devices,
7 each of the return signals indicating a current status of a respective user device and an
8 operational mode of the respective user device;

9 track a frequency with which a user of the respective user device visits a
10 particular area by at least monitoring a frequency that the respective user device is
11 located in the particular area;

12 receive a survey that is generated at a user device, the survey including an inquiry
13 and selectable responses to the inquiry that are configured to be completed by recipients
14 of the survey, the selectable responses including a set of multiple choice answers to the
15 inquiry that are generated at the user device;

16 receive, along with the survey from the user device, one or more selected
17 characteristics that are attributable to users that are associated with the plurality of user
18 devices, the one or more characteristics being utilized as criteria to identify the recipients
19 of the survey, the one or more characteristics including the frequency that the respective
20 user device is located in the particular area;

21 automatically select a group of user devices from the plurality of user devices
22 based on the users having the one or more selected characteristics and identified as the
23 recipients of the survey, each of the users being associated with a respective user device

1 in the selected group of user devices, the group of user devices including the respective
2 user device based on the frequency that the respective user device is located in the
3 particular area;

4 forward the survey to the selected group of user devices via the wireless network,
5 the survey configured to be completed by a user at a respective user device in the selected
6 group of user devices;

7 receive survey responses to the inquiry from one or more of the user devices in
8 the selected group of user devices; and

9 forward the survey responses to the user device from which the survey was
10 generated and received.

12 **22. (previously presented)** One or more computer-readable storage media as
13 recited in claim 21, wherein the current status comprises a geographical location of the
14 respective user device.

16 **23. (previously presented)** One or more computer-readable storage media as
17 recited in claim 21, wherein the current status comprises a distance from the respective
18 user device to the user device that generates the survey.

20 **24. (previously presented)** One or more computer-readable storage media as
21 recited in claim 21, wherein the one or more selected characteristics include at least one
22 of an age, gender, or occupation of the users that are associated with the plurality of user
23 devices.

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4 **26. (canceled)**
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6 **27. (previously presented)** One or more computer-readable storage media as
7 recited in claim 21, wherein the one or more selected characteristics include a home
8 address of the users that are associated with the plurality of user devices.
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10 **28. (previously presented)** One or more computer-readable storage media as
11 recited in claim 21, wherein the recipients of the survey are listed in a buddy list
12 associated with the user device that generates the survey.
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14 **29. (previously presented)** One or more computer-readable storage media as
15 recited in claim 21, wherein the recipients of the survey are listed in an address book
16 associated with the user device that generates the survey.
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1 **30. (currently amended)** A computer-implemented method, comprising:

2 receiving, at a user device, a request from a server device for a return signal via a

3 wireless network;

4 communicating a return signal to the server device, the return signal indicating a

5 current status of the user device and an operational mode of the user device;

6 displaying, at the user device, a user interface comprising at least a first portion

7 for generating an inquiry and a second portion for generating selectable possible multiple

8 choice answers to the inquiry;

9 generating, at the user device, [[a]] the survey that includes [[an]] the inquiry and

10 the selectable possible multiple choice answers responses to the inquiry that are

11 configured to be completed by recipients of the survey;

12 communicating the survey and one or more selected characteristics to the server

13 device, the one or more characteristics being attributable to respective users that are

14 associated with a group of user devices and the one or more characteristics being utilized

15 as criteria to identify the recipients of the survey, one or more of the recipients of the

16 survey being identified based at least in part on a frequency of an associated user device

17 being located at a particular location if the one or more of the recipients do not live in the

18 particular location, the survey being forwarded by the server device to the selected group

19 of user devices to be completed by a user at a respective user device in the selected group

20 of user devices, and survey responses to the inquiry being received by the server device

21 from one or more of the user devices in the selected group of user devices; and

22 receiving the survey responses from the server device at the user device from

23 which the survey was generated.

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2 **31. (previously presented)** A computer-implemented method as recited in
3 claim 30, wherein the current status is a geographical location of the user device.
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6 **32. (previously presented)** A computer-implemented method as recited in
7 claim 30, wherein the current status is a distance from the user device to at least one of
the user devices in the group of user devices.
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10 **33. (previously presented)** A computer-implemented method as recited in
11 claim 30, wherein the one or more selected characteristics include a home address of the
respective users that are associated with the group of user devices.
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14 **34. (previously presented)** A computer-implemented method as recited in
15 claim 30, wherein the one or more selected characteristics include at least one of an age,
16 gender, or occupation of the respective users that are associated with the group of user
17 devices.
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20 **35. (previously presented)** A computer-implemented method as recited in
21 claim 30, wherein the recipients of the survey are listed in at least one of a buddy list or
an address book associated with the user device.
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